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“Invoking the Spirits” Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex will host “Hallowe’en Revels Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House” on October 23-25 from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. For the eighth consecutive year the museum is partnering with the Gilbert Theater for this unique Halloween event. “Invoking the Spirits” is the theme for this year’s play. Come join us for a spirited visit to the 1897 Poe House and witness spooky vignettes complete with a few ghosts. Don’t worry, our ghosts may seem a little scary, but they are family friendly!

This is not your traditional Poe House tour! Guests will be transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes while becoming immersed in early 20th century cultural norms, music, and poetry through this scripted short play. This is a unique opportunity to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. Tours last 20 minutes and are limited to 15 people per tour. For a more detailed look at the Poe House and family history, attend a tour during regular museum hours.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets can be purchased online at museumofthecapefear.yapsody.com for \$5 plus processing fees. If you prefer not to purchase online or would like to pay cash, you can purchase tickets in person at the Museum during regular operating hours. We highly suggest getting your tickets in advance as this event has sold out in the past.



Hallowe’en Revels

Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House
October 23-25, 2019
6:00-10:00 pm
Click for Tickets

Top Right: The 2018 Hallowe’en Revels Night Tours cast performs a scene in the dining room.
Left: Actress Sarah Chapman portrays a fortune teller in the sitting room in 2018.

Trick or Treat at the 1897 Poe House October 26, 2019 11:00-4:00 FREE

"Trick or Treat at the Poe House" will be held on Saturday October 26 from 11:00-4:00 pm. This event is **FREE!** Join us for a children's concert along with our traditional Halloween games and activities including the popular Costume Contest. Joy the Clown will perform magic tricks and balloon twisting throughout the event. Trick or treaters can search for ravens in the Poe House, listen to a Halloween story courtesy of the Cumberland County Library, and play old fashioned games in the backyard. Concessions are available on site.

The Sandbox Band will be performing at 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30. Sandbox is a five-piece kids' and family music band from Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC. "We play rockin', rootsy music for children of all ages, songs that moms and dads will enjoy as much as the kids! Our live shows mix timeless traditional songs (with our own twist) and our own original kids' music: Sandbox songs about food, dreams, family, and friendship."

This event also features a Costume Contest for ages Infant-12 yrs. Contestants are divided based on age categories: Infant-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years, and 10-12 years. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. There is a \$1.00 fee to enter. Creativity, historical, and handmade costumes are encouraged! Contestants must register between 11:00-2:00 to participate. The contest takes place at 2:00 pm.

NEW FOR 2019: Pumpkin painting (while supplies last), bounce houses, hayrides, and a Halloween themed scavenger hunt through the Museum of the Cape Fear!



Top: Some of our Costume Contest winners from 2018.
Bottom: Cumberland County Librarian Jennifer Hatcher reads to some Trick or Treaters in the Poe House.

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FREE EVENT!

OCTOBER 26, 2019 11:00-4:00 PM

**Games* Sandbox Band* Joy the Clown
Costume Contest* Free Admission!**

Costume contest categories by age, \$1 entry fee, register before 2:00 pm. Creative, historical and handmade costumes encouraged! Concessions available on site. Bring your treat bags!



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Restoration Work Begins on Arsenal Park Houses



This time last year, the three historic homes in Arsenal Park were being prepared for moving. Things are moving right along! Restoration work began on the buildings in August. Among the major updates are new roofs and stabilization of structural features. Once restored, the houses will become part of the NC Civil War and Reconstruction History Center. Pictured on the left is the Davis House, the Arsenal House is pictured below.



Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to serve as tour guides and reception desk attendants. Training is provided in all areas. Flexible hours and rewarding work. Help us put an end to our search. Contact: leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov or call (910) 500-4243.

New Committee on African American Heritage Launched

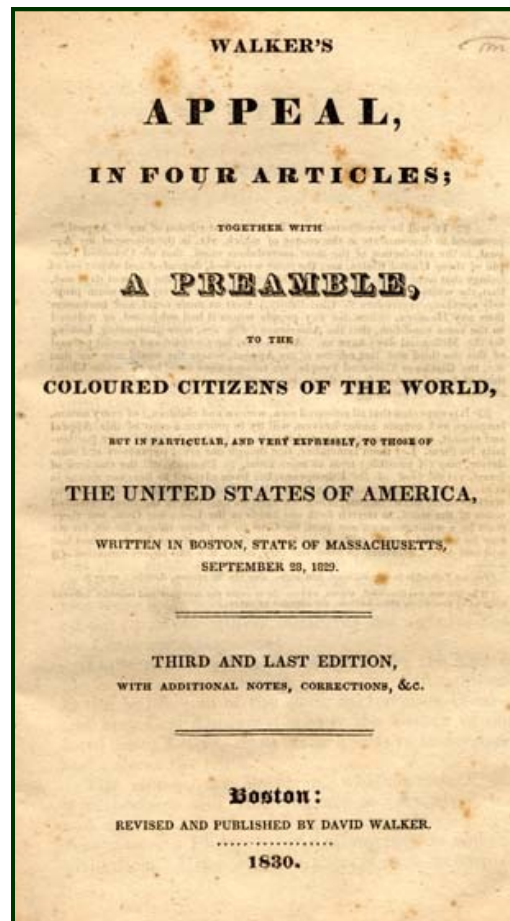
The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc., the non-profit advisory board for the museum, has created an ad hoc committee, the *Cape Fear Committee on African American Heritage* (CFCAAH). Chaired by the current Foundation Board Treasurer, Demetrius Haddock, the committee serves to "collect, preserve and interpret the history and heritage of African Americans in the Cape Fear Region." The CFCAAH will guide the museum on ways to increase the African American presence in the museum and the museum's engagement with the African American community.

The committee first met in June to lay the groundwork for how it will operate. First of all, the committee developed a theme for its work this year, "The Journey Toward a More Perfect Union." The committee advises the museum on events and organizations with which to partner and/or support. It is also developing a database of African American sites to preserve and promote.

Three main projects are on the table for the first year: 1) 400 Years Commemorative Event highlighting the African American journey in America, 2) the return of the African American Chautauqua, held in Fayetteville from 1993 to 2000, and 3) a partnership with Fayetteville State University (an HBU, historically black university) to introduce students to careers in museum studies, serving as tour guides.

A Chautauqua was a large assembly featuring educational speeches, presentations, and performances by notable experts and advocates on social, cultural, and economic issues. They were created to provide access to education and culture for Americans who could not afford a college education. Named after the city in New York where the first Chautauqua Assembly was created in 1874, the events were popular in the late 19th and early 20th century throughout America. The Museum of the Cape Fear's Chautauqua event will focus on influential African Americans, particularly those from North Carolina, and will feature dramatic readings of speeches and performances from the past.

One such individual is African American abolitionist and activist, David Walker. Walker was born free in Wilmington, NC in 1796. His parents were a free black woman and an enslaved man. African Americans were born free if their mother was free, following a matriarchal system. In 1829 Walker wrote *Appeal to the Coloured Citizens of the World*, which has been described as "an emotionally charged, powerful antislavery pamphlet." The CFCAAH has many works on the horizon. Stay connected to learn more.



Pictured Above: The cover of David Walker's "Appeal to the Coloured Citizens of the World."

Below: A commemorative stamp from 1974 featuring a traveling Chautauqua assembly tent. The CFCAAH is planning an African American Chautauqua for sometime in 2020.



A Message from the MCFHC Foundation

Fall and winter are busy times at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex. More than 1,000 visitors stepped back in time to learn about life at the time of the American Revolution at the *Festival of Yesteryear* on September 7, 2019. We partnered with the Lafayette Society to make this a truly international event and learning opportunity while having fun.

Nightly *Halloween Revels* tours at the Poe house have increased in popularity each year. Advance ticket purchases are highly recommended as there are nights that sell out. Don't miss the Halloween Trick or Treat and kids costume contest that concludes our Halloween Revels events. Our final *History LIVE!* program is the *Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House*. All three of these programs are brought to you through a generous grant from the Arts Council and matching funds from the MCFHC Foundation. None of these programs are possible without the support of museum staff and volunteers. They provide great programming for Cumberland County and surrounding areas.

The new year will bring our annual Civil War quiz bowl in January 2020. Will you be entering this year? We will advertise through print and social media when registration opens.

On behalf of the foundation, we appreciate your attendance at our events, as well as your financial and in-kind support so we can continue to offer outstanding programs. As the regional branch of the North Carolina History Museum we look forward to introducing you to the region through our exhibits and tours.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, weddings, rentals or other MCFHC Foundation programming, please contact Museum Administrator David Reid at 910-500-4242 or david.reid@ncdcr.gov.

Again, thank you for your continued support.
Kelli Cardenas Walsh, Ph.D.
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Museum Shop Featured Item

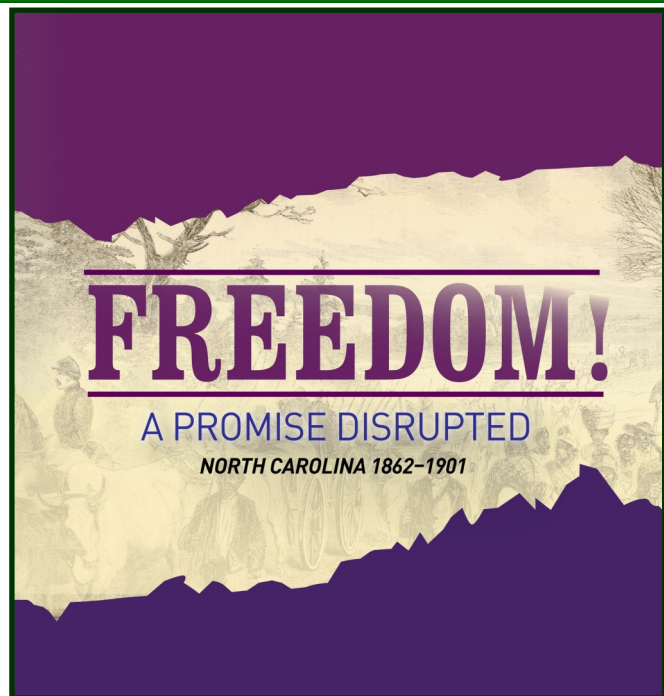


Coming soon to the Museum Shop, custom car magnets! You can show your support and promote the Museum of the Cape Fear as you drive around town for just \$5.

We still have plenty of our 1897 Poe House ornaments created by Charleston Mint and produced in North Carolina. The custom brass ornament is full color and three dimensional and sells for \$22.00. It makes a wonderful Christmas gift or great addition to your own tree. Come get them while they last!

The shop has also increased the inventory of Museum of the Cape Fear items – all of which make great gifts and mementos of your visit. Items include Museum of the Cape Fear t-shirts, new books, magnets, handmade gifts and children's toys. Please stop by and check a few items off of your Christmas shopping list! All proceeds from the shop benefit the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation.

Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina 1862-1901 Travelling Exhibit to Open January 10, 2020



On January 10, 2020 the Museum of the Cape Fear will open the traveling exhibit, **Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862-1901**. This exhibit, from the North Carolina Museum of History, depicts the struggle that newly freed African Americans faced to maintain their freedom in the post-Civil War and Reconstruction Era of North Carolina.

Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862-1901, allows visitors to step through time and view how the Civil War and Reconstruction affected North Carolina's citizens. This powerful exhibit highlights African American's flight to freedom and their involvement in the Civil War.

"North Carolina suffered under slavery for two hundred years until the 13th Amendment was ratified in 1865," said Earl L. Ijames, curator of African American history at the N.C. Museum of History. "After the Civil War formerly enslaved people formed families, established churches, educational institutions and communities for the first time in history only to see racism and segregation reverse those gains by the turn of the 20th century."

Following the Civil War, African American citizens pushed for Radical Reconstruction that would guarantee them more rights and protection under the law. This was followed by heavy and violent white backlash. Visitors will be able to follow along with the journey it took for African American citizens to gain equality.

"After the Civil War, African Americans in North Carolina helped to rebuild the nation on a new foundation, one that for a brief moment hoped to fulfill to the promise of liberty for all," said Susanna Lee, exhibit curator and Associate Professor at North Carolina State University's Department of History."

Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862-1901, will be displayed at the Museum of the Cape Fear through August 2, 2020.

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December 8, 2019
1:00-5:00 pm

- Performances by
Coventry Carolers
1:30, 2:30 & 3:30
 - *Cross Creek*
Chordsmen
2:00 and 4:00
 - Cooking on the 1902
Stove
 - Cookies and Cider
- Admission FREE!**

Special Guest Santa Claus!

Visit with Santa and take
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Museum Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 1-5

1897 Poe House Tours

Tues-Fri 11:00, 1:00, 3:00
Saturday 10-4 on the hour
Sunday 1-4 on the hour

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And more than 50
volunteers

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is free, but donations are appreciated.

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Letters from the Trenches: Dear Kit Sunday November 10, 2019 Pate Room, Headquarters Library 2:00 pm

This year for Heroes Homecoming we are hosting performance artists Hardin Minor, depicting his grandfather from the trenches of France during WWI, writing letters to his girlfriend Kit.

Minor discovered over 200 letters in the attic of his grandparents' house. From those letters, Minor created and produced the one-man show, "Letters from the Trenches: Dear Kit." Kit was Minor's grandmother. While the audience watches Minor's performance, a slideshow of WWI and family photos play in the background. This program is a collaboration with the Headquarters Library and sponsored by a grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

Holiday Jubilee Sunday December 8, 2019 1:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate the Christmas season at the annual *Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House*. This free event features a concert by Fayetteville's own Coventry Carolers and the Cross Creek Chordsmen. The Coventry Carolers will perform on the front porch of the Poe House at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. The Chordsmen will perform at 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

The house will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas providing a beautiful backdrop for this festive event. The Poe House kitchen will be alive with the smells of Christmas goodies cooking on our 1902 Glenwood stove. Admission is FREE! Santa Claus will also be in attendance to visit with the kids and hear Christmas wishes. Parents can take their own photos for free!

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.